There’s a buzz around New York State regarding the many positive Amtrak® developments. Whether it’s the recent announcement of record Amtrak New York State ridership; ongoing rail improvement projects, refurbished train stations or the WiFi service now available on many trains, good news travels fast!

I’m also pleased to share some good news about a New York By Rail milestone as we present you with our 10th anniversary issue. Your letters—whether you’re sharing a story about a recent Amtrak train experience or offering a suggestion for our next edition—tell us you’re reading New York By Rail with great interest.

Over the years we’ve tried to provide you with an informative guide to destinations and attractions in New York State that are accessible via Amtrak to pique your interest in hopping on a train and visiting them. Our overall objective has remained the same, while each annual issue has presented a mix of articles to complement the standard Amtrak destinations overview.

In this anniversary issue, we’re pleased to present two important tourism initiatives that we anticipate will get you thinking of boarding a train for future explorations. New York State Canals offer a guide to the five Canal regions across upstate and western New York. The Path Through History section—a magazine within a magazine—offers a comprehensive look at the new thematic guide to exploring New York State’s rich history.

The popular ILNY 15% Discount (see page 9) makes it more affordable for you to visit the Canals, Path Through History sites and destinations serviced by Amtrak. Check out the other special discounts (pages 9-10) to save on Amtrak travel to the New York State Fair, Fort Ticonderoga and Vermont.

Check out our new website, www.newyorkbyrail.com, for information about New York State Amtrak destinations, events, discounts, travel package ideas and more. We hope you will add our website to your list of favorites and visit us often throughout the year for updated travel information.

Thanks again for your support and we look forward to sharing your journey during these exciting times for rail travel!

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